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APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (b)

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor:

1. This application is for a(n)
[X] ORIGINAL
[] CONTINUATION
[] CONTINUATION-IN-PART.
2. This Application being transmitted claims the benefit of a prior US Provisional Application S.N. 60/041,287 filed on March 20, 1997 and enclosed are added pages for new application transmittal where benefit of a prior application is claimed.
3. Papers enclosed which are required for a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53 (b) application:
108 Pages of Specification
3 Pages of Claims
1 Page of Abstract
21 Sheets of [X] Informal, [] Formal Drawings (___ by amendment)
4. Additional Papers Enclosed.
___ Preliminary Amendment ___ Pages
___ Information Disclosure Statement
___ Form PTO 1449
___ Citations
___X___ Authorization for Agent to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representative
___X___ Declaration of Small Entity Status (from parent case).
___ Supplemental Declaration

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

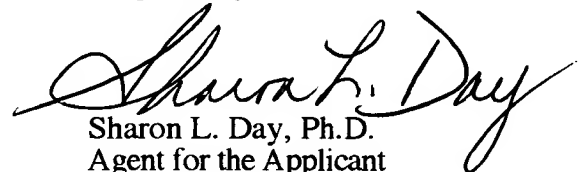
I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date March 20, 1998, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", Mailing Label Number **E1857146530US** addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231.

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Signature Date

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5. Declaration as filed in the original application and a new declaration are included since this application is a continuation-in-part which discloses and claims additional matter.
☐ Executed by the inventor.
6. The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.
7. Language : English
8. Fee Calculation for a Small Entity Application
- | | Number
Filed | <u>Claims as Filed</u>
Number
Extra | x Rate | Basic fee |
|---|-----------------|---|--------|-----------|
| Total Claims | 16 | 0 | | |
| Independent
Claims | 2 | 0 | | |
| Amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed.
Filing fee calculation | | | | \$395.00 |
9. Status
A verified statement of Small Entity is being filed in the present application and the status as a small entity is proper and desired.
10. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time.
☒ Basic Filing Fee is Enclosed.
11. Method of Payment of Fees.
☒ A check in the amount of _\$395.00_.
12. Instructions as to Overpayment.
Please refund.
13. A true copy of the prior U.S. provisional application, S.N. 60/041,287 filed on March 20, 1997 as filed is enclosed. The undersigned states that the enclosed application papers comprise a true copy of the prior application as filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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